GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sub-Committee of the National Development Council decided anyformula for allocation of funds under the centrally sponsored rural poverty alleviation programmes;

(b) if so, whether the committee has decided to continue the existing formula since funds have been allocated on basis for the first three years of the Ninth Plan period;

(c) if so, the total funds that have been allocated for removal of poverty alleviation programme; and

(d) to what extent State Governments have fully utilised these funds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) & (b): The Committee of the National Development Council (NDC) on the Criterion for Allocation of Funds under major rural poverty alleviation programmes has recommended the continuation of presently used criterion viz. the adjusted shares as approved by the full Planning Commission as the formula to allocate funds. The Committee also recommended that many important suggestions which relate to incentives for better performance in reducing poverty and additional funds for areas with extreme poverty and distress could be taken up when the work starts on the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs. 8001.36 crore was allocated by way of Central and State share for poverty alleviation programmes during 1999-2000, out of which, an amount of Rs. 3439.30 crore was utilised by the States.